

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Health Inequalities
DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED (the date of establishment is the date in this parliamentary session that the Group held its initial meeting, where the office bearers were elected and not the date that the Group was accorded recognition. All Groups should hold their AGMs on, or before, the anniversary of this date.)
25/10/2016
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
26/10/2017
DATE OF PRECEDING AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11-13 months of the previous AGM]
04/06/2015
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
No AGM was held in 2016 due to the Scottish Parliament Elections (May 2016) and the time it subsequently took to re-establish the group.
GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES Please provide details of each meeting of the Group including the date of the meeting, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and the MSP and non-MSP attendance figures. Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.
25 October 2016 Attendance 5 MSPs, 10 non MSPs 1 ST MEETING Election of office bearers

19 January 2017

Attendance 5 MSPs, 36 Non MSPs

Overall meeting topic: Health Inequalities and the Built Environment

Guest Speakers: John Howie, Organisational Lead, Health Equity (Physical Activity & Place), NHS Health Scotland

Sandy Robinson, Principal Architect, Planning & Architecture, Scottish Government

Topic: The Place Standard and health inequalities

30 March 2017

Attendance 3 MSPs, 37 Non MSPs

Overall meeting topic: Health Inequalities and the built environment part 2

Guest speaker: Prof Jamie Pearce, School of Geo Sciences, Edinburgh University

Topic: research evidence on the built environment and health

Guest speaker: James Jopling, Executive Director for Scotland, Samaritans

Topic: Samaritans report: Dying from Inequality

15 June 2017

3 MSPs, 50 Non MSPs

Overall topic: Health Inequalities and prison experience

Guest Speaker: Pete White, Chief Executive, Positive Prison? Positive Futures

Topic: Health Inequalities and people in prison

Guest Speaker: Lorna Greene, Policy Officer, Royal College of Nursing Scotland

Topic: RCN Scotland 5 years on report

Guest Speaker: David Cullum, Clerk to the Health and Sport Committee, Scottish Parliament.

Topic: Healthcare in Prisons report

19 September 2017

7 MSPs 77 non MSPS

Garden Lobby evening reception to celebrate the work of the CPG

Sponsored by Clare Haughey MSP Co Convenor of the CPG.

Host: Clare Haughey MSP

Speaker: Claire Stevens, Chief Officer Voluntary Health Scotland and Secretary of CPG

Speaker: David Crichton, Chair NHS Health Scotland

26 October 2017

AGM

5MSPs 32 Non MSPs

AGM meeting voting the Co Convenors of the group as Donald Cameron MSP, Clare Haughey MSP and Anas Sarwar MSP and VHS as the secretariat for the group,

Guest speaker Mong Vaghefian, Public Affairs Officer, Cancer Research UK

Topic: Obesity and Cancer – inequalities and opportunities

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group.

Donald Cameron
Clare Haughey
Anas Sarwar
Alex Cole-Hamilton
Neil Findlay
Murdo Fraser
Emma Harper
Alison Johnstone
Monica Lennon
Richard Lyle
Brian Whittle

NON-MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

For organisational members please provide only the name of the organisation, it is not necessary to provide the name(s) of individuals who may represent the organisation at meetings of the Group.

Individuals	Jacque Forde Katherine Smith David White
Organisations	Voluntary Health Scotland - Secretary Alcohol Focus Scotland ASH Scotland Audit Scotland Befriending Networks Big Lottery Fund British Dental Association Scotland British Medical Association British Lung Foundation Cancer Research UK Care Inspectorate Centre for Health Policy, University of Strathclyde Changeworks Changing Faces Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland Community Pharmacy Scotland Criminal Justice Voluntary Sector Forum (CJVSF) Cycling Scotland Deaf Links Tayside Energy Action Scotland Fife Society for the Blind Genetic Alliance HIV Scotland Improvement Service Ingeus

	LGBT Health and wellbeing Margaret Blackwood Housing Association Mindroom MRC/CSO Social and Public Health Sciences Unit, University of Glasgow NHS Health Scotland Nourish Scotland NSPCC Pasda Paths for All Positive Prison? Positive Futures Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland Royal College of General Practitioners Scotland Royal College of Midwives Royal College of Nursing Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh Royal National Institute for Blind People (RNIB) Scotland Royal Pharmaceutical Society Samaritans Scottish Council for Deafness Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol & Drugs Scottish Health Action on Alcohol Problems (SHAAP) Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance Shelter Scotland St Andrews First Aid Streetworks Stroke Association The Open University The People's Health Movement Scotland Voluntary Action Scotland VOX Scotland Voices of Experience Waverley Care
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GROUP OFFICE BEARERS

Please provide names for all office bearers. The minimum requirement is that two of the office bearers are MSPs and one of these is Convener – beyond this it is a matter for the Group to decide upon the office bearers it wishes to have. It is permissible to have more than one individual elected to each office, for example, co-conveners or multiple deputy conveners.

Convener	Co Convenors: Donald Cameron MSP, Clare Haughey MSP and Anas Sarwar MSP
Deputy Convener	None
Secretary	Voluntary Health Scotland

Treasurer	None
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FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) received from a single source in a calendar year which has a value, either singly or cumulatively, of more than £500. This includes donations, gifts, hospitality or visits and material assistance such as secretariat support.

Details of material support should include the name of the individual providing support, the value of this support over the year, an estimate of the time spent providing this support and the name of the organisation that this individual is employed by / affiliated to in providing this support.

Groups should provide details of the date on which the benefit was received, the value of the benefit and a brief description of the benefit.

If the Group is not disclosing any financial information please tick the box to confirm that the Group has considered the support received, but concluded it totalled under the threshold for disclosure (£500).

Voluntary Health Scotland contributed/expended a total of £2,351.28 on the costs of refreshments during the year.

Broken down as follows:

Refreshments at meetings:

25/10/16: £57.60 – tea, coffee, shortbread

19/01/17: £57.60 – tea, coffee, shortbread

30/03/17: £76.80 – tea, coffee, shortbread

15/06/17: £59.40 – tea, coffee, shortbread

26/10/17: £59.40 – tea, coffee, shortbread

Refreshments at Garden Lobby reception

19/09/17: £2,040.48 – canapes, wine, soft drinks

In addition, VHS provided material support by way of its staff providing secretariat support.

Estimated staff time with a value of £3,160, broken down as follows:

Chief Officer: identifying and briefing speakers, liaising with convenors: 5 days: £997

Programme Engagement Officer input: organisation, coordination, liaison, administration, communications: 12 days: £1,646

Policy Engagement Officer: minute taking: 4 days: £518

CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS	
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